

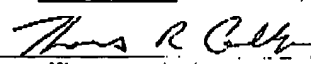
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In re Application of Wayne P. Fitzmaurice et al.)
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Serial No.: 10/624,193)
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For: Viral Expression Vectors)
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Examiner: Joseph T. Weitach
Group Art Unit: 1632
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:


ELECTION

In response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2006, wherein the Examiner set a one month period for response, this response is timely filed. Applicant hereby elects Group III, which includes current claims 16 and 17-19 without traversal.

In view of the above election, the claims are now in condition for allowance and applicants request a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

If needed, applicants petition for an extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for sufficient time to accept this response. The commissioner hereby is authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17, which may become due in connection with the instant application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.500933.

Respectfully submitted,


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